



## Captive Wild Animal Report

October 2005

### Human Injuries:

- Unnamed adult male. A zookeeper was bitten after attempting to stabilize the head of a tiger which had been anesthetized for minor surgery. Duluth, MN. Lake Superior Zoo, accredited zoo.
- Unnamed adult male. A second zookeeper received scratches and while attempting to free the arm of the zookeeper listed above. Duluth, MN. Lake Superior Zoo, accredited zoo.
- Unnamed female, age 14. Seriously injured and in danger of losing her arm after being bitten on the finger by a copperhead snake. The snake was captured a week prior and brought to school by a classmate of the victim. Pottsgrove, PA. Private owner.
- Unnamed male, adult. A trainer was bitten on the arm by a civet (bearcat) during a photo shoot. The man was hospitalized. Dallas, TX. Fort Worth Zoo, accredited zoo.
- Unnamed male, adult. A public relations employee was scratched on the arm by a civet (bearcat) during a photo shoot (same incident that injured the trainer listed above). Dallas, TX. Fort Worth Zoo, accredited zoo.

### Animal Escapes:

- 1 chimpanzee, Bill, male, age 59. Escaped from a vandalized enclosure; found outside the zoo and led back by a zookeeper. Eureka, CA. Sequoia Park Zoo, accredited zoo.
- 1 buffalo, adult. Loose for over 2 hours before being coaxed back to the zoo by police. Pocatello, ID. Ross Park Zoo, exhibitor.
- 1 Burmese python, adult, 13 feet long. Loose in the Everglades; discovered after it died attempting to swallow an alligator. Everglades National Park, FL. Unknown private owner.
- 1 Burmese python, adult. Captured after eating a resident's cat. Miami, FL. Unknown private owner.
- 1 African rock python, adult, 7 feet in length. Captured in a turkey pen; transferred to Miami Zoo. South Miami, FL. Unknown private owner.
- 1 wolf hybrid, male, age 1 ½ to 2 years. Seen loose several times in residential area; suspected in the death of a golden retriever. McDowell County, NC. Unknown private owner.
- 1 ball python, 2 feet long. Found in the drain of an apartment sink; caught and taken to University of Florida Veterinary Medical Center. Gainesville, FL. Unknown private owner.
- 5 snakes, king and chicken snakes, were missing after a zoo was broken into; a prairie dog was killed (below). Three teenagers were arrested in connection with the incident. Wilmington, NC. Tregembo Animal Park, exhibitor.
- 1 alligator, juvenile, approx 3 feet. Found in a residential back yard; captured by animal control officers. Piscataway, NJ. Unknown private owner.
- 1 red-tailed hawk, Mani, age 25. The bird was removed his cage and set loose; he was recovered 16 miles away, seven weeks later. Two men were arrested for burglary and felony theft. Springfield, IL. Henry Robinson Zoo, accredited zoo.

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### Animals Confiscated/Displaced:

- 5 alligators, adult, 1 crocodile, juvenile. Confiscated from the basement of a house during a drug raid. Philadelphia, PA. Private owner.
- 1 pangolin, Mayeye, male, 3 to 5 months. Confiscated in January at Los Angeles International airport, after it was captured by hunters in the Republic of Congo and sold to a couple visiting Africa from Sherman Oaks, CA; transferred to Los Angeles Zoo. Los Angeles, CA. Private owner.
- Over 50 exotic animals, mostly reptiles. Confiscated from a duplex; owners are under investigation for animal cruelty. Tyrone, PA. Private owner.
- 1 black bear, Windfall, female, age 2. Confiscated from a man who took her in as a cub; taken to a California Department of Fish and Game holding facility. Authorities determined she could not be released to the wild. Coos Bay, OR. Private owner.
- 3 snakes, 2 piranhas, 1 catfish, 1 tarantula. Found in an abandon Brooklyn apartment. Officials were looking for a sanctuary to take the animals. New York, NY. Unknown private owner.

### Animal Deaths:

- 1 pangolin, Mayeye, male, age 12 to 14 months. Died after a short illness; was previously confiscated from a private owner (above). Los Angeles, CA. Los Angeles Zoo, accredited zoo.
- 1 prairie dog. Killed and thrown into a lion exhibit. Three teenagers were arrested in connection with the incident. Wilmington, NC. Tregembo Animal Park, exhibitor.
- 1 giraffe, Becky, female, age 15. Died after surgery to fix abnormal hoof growth. Columbia, SC. Riverbanks Zoo, accredited zoo.

### International Incidents

#### Human injuries:

- Zhang Huabang, male, age 34. Attacked by up to seven lions after taking a shortcut through their enclosure while working as a cleaner. He remained in critical condition three days later. Shanghai, China. Shanghai Wildlife Park, exhibitor.

#### Animal escapes:

- 1 panda, Babu, male, adult. Recovered one mile away, four days after escaping its enclosure. Birmingham, United Kingdom. Birmingham Nature Center, exhibitor.

#### Animals confiscated:

- 66 Ruppel's parrots. Confiscated from a smuggler by border police; tagged and released to the wild. Onhelewa, Namibia. Wildlife trafficker.